

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Eagle River Lions Club****Project Title:****Eagle River Lions Club - Park Upgrades****State Funding Requested: \$ 380,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 17 - I****Brief Project Description:**

This will complete the Eagle River Lions Park tennis court rehabilitation and ballfield irrigation. The park is a widely used recreational place for many members of our community and serves the Anchorage-wide area as a whole.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$125,000	05				
Total	\$125,000					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Community members plan to volunteer on the projects to assist with project costs.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The tennis court rehabilitation will remove the existing fence, install tytar filter fabric, fill with gravel, surface paving, replace fence, resurface courts including striping and topsoil and seed surrounding parameter. In addition, the grant will allow the completion of water access to all ball fields and outfields via underground pipe including time activated sprinklers. This park has improved greatly through a collaborative effort. This park provides a safe, recreational place for families and youth in our community.

**Project Timeline:**

Grant expected to be expended in the spring, summer and fall of 2008-2009.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Eagle River Lions Club

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



## *Eagle River Lions Club*

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February 29, 2008

Representative Anna Fairclough  
Alaska State Capital  
Juneau, AK 99801

On behalf of the Eagle River Lions Club and the Knik Little League, we are writing to request your continued assistance in our efforts to obtain State of Alaska funding in the amount of \$380,000 for improvements to Lions Park in Eagle River.

The Lions Park facilities receive extensive use by members of the general public, Knik Little League baseball and softball players, the Pop Warner Football Club, plus a wide variety of user groups. This park annually hosts the Eagle River Lions Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza and the Scottish Highland Games and Festival; the upgrades we envision will provide a more enjoyable experience for all park users.

Below is a list of projects in priority order, including a brief description of work with current estimate of funding needed to complete each project.

### **Phase II Upper Ball Field Work     \$180,000**

- Completion of water access to all upper ball fields via underground piping throughout the grass outfields to include timer activated sprinklers to improve efficiency of management of turf maintenance.
- 2800 cu yd of new topsoil placement & reseeding.
- New fencing for two fields, new dugouts and backstops
- New infield material.

### **Tennis Court Rehabilitation     \$200,000**

- Removal of existing fence, posts and tennis equipment.
- Disposal of unusable material.
- Installation of tytar filter fabric, then fill with two feet of NFS type 2 gravel.
- Paving the surface with two inches D-1 leveling course and two inches asphalt.
- Replacement of fence and posts.
- Resurfacing the four tennis courts to include striping.
- Replacement of eight net posts and center straps.
- Topsoil and seed approximately five feet around perimeter, as needed.

As in past years, these facilities will benefit from far-reaching community support represented by generous pledges of donations of equipment, engineering, materials and labor. This park has incrementally improved from its very start through collaborative local and state efforts, becoming a true asset to the region.

We thank you for your past support and ask that you continue supporting our organizations in our joint mission to provide a safe, recreational place for the families and youth of our community. Our desire is to obtain \$380,000 in additional funding for these projects, which coupled with our commitment of in-kind donations and sweat equity will make meaningful improvements to this important locale.

We believe consistent park enhancement will expand recreational opportunities for the community, as well as draw additional users, and even potentially increase the prospects of hosting city and state level tournaments. A broader benefit of hosting these tournaments would be realized by local businesses favorably impacted by out-of-townners needing lodging, food and supplies, as well as other goods and services.

Please let me know if you have questions, comments or concerns regarding this request. We would be pleased to schedule a meeting to further detail this project, if you wish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Shanley  
Eagle River Lions  
Park Manager